(b) the number of officers and employees who have accepted voluntary retirement due to imminent crisis of closure; and

(c) the total number of officers and employees still working in the undertaking and whether any permanent arrangement has been made to pay them salary in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Operations of IDPL-Rishikesh were stopped in October, 1996. However, Limited production of formulations is being done from July, 1998.

(b) 119 officers, 156 supervisors and 538 workers were relieved under Voluntary Retirement Scheme upto 31.3.97 in IDPL-Rishikesh Plant.

(c) 296 officers, 806 supervisors and 1585 workers are working in IDPL-Rishikesh Plant as on 31.3.2000. Funds are being released by Government to IDPL from time to time for payment of salaries to all employees.

Losses of IDPL factories

†5037. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the factories of IDPL in the country have either closed or are at the verge of closure;

(b) the total loss of these factories so far and the loss in the years 1999 and 2000, separately;

(c) the amount being paid to the employees under their salary head in each year as in the form of loss; and

(d) the main reasons for losses and what are the measures to get out of the loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The operations of IDPL are closed except for marginal production in some of the units.

(b) Accumulated loss of IDPL as on 31.3.2000 is Rs. 1330.54 crores. Losses during the years 1998-99 and 1999- 2000 were Rs. 193.88 crores and Rs. 209.29 crores (provisional) respectively.

†Original notice of Question was received in Hindi.

(c) Salary paid to the employees of IDPL in the last 4 years is given below:

Year	Rs. in crores
1996-97	56.46
1997-98	60.20
1998-99	66.33
1999-2000	69.33

(d) Reasons for sickness of IDPL as identified by the Industrial Development Bank of India, which carried out a study are given in the statement (*See* below). The future of the company would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Statement

Reasons identified by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Mumbai for sickness of IDPL:

- ã Incidence of social objectives
- ã Emphasis on formulations for sales to institutional market
- ã Manufacture of bulk drugs from basic stages
- ã Inadequate emphasis on sales of formulations to the trade market
- ã Most products being under price control
- ã High employment costs
- ã Incidence of policy change with regard to import of bulk drugs
- ã High interest burden
- ã Decline in budgetary support
- ã Inherited second rate technology
- ã Inadequacies, particularly in the centralized utilities and services and locations disadvantages.

Rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims

5038. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rehabilitation of all the Bhopal Gas Victims has been completed;